(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C.THOMAS): (a) No, Sir, India has not taken any commitments in Legal Services Sector under the General Agreement on Trade and Services (GATS) in the Uruguay Round of negotiations. There is also no proposal for taking commitments during the on-going negotiations under the GATS.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development of inland waterways

831. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from the States for development of inland waterways after modification in Centrally sponsored scheme last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof specially the proposals received from Maharashtra; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Proposals have been received from various States namely Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The proposals are mainly for preparation of feasibility report, dredging of waterways and setting up of terminals. As regards Maharashtra State, the proposals are for development of inland waterways (including dredging, setting up of terminals/jetties, etc.) at various places. The proposals from Maharashtra have been examined and the State Government has been advised to modify/revise the proposals.